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Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 13th meeting, on 26 October 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/59/SR.13).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.5/59/L.9

3. At its 13th meeting, on 26 October, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations" (A/C.5/59/L.9), submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations.

4. At the same meeting, before the adoption of the draft resolution and following a statement by the Controller, statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey, the countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro, and the European Free Trade Association countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European

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Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement), the United States of America, Canada (on behalf of Australia and Canada) and Japan.

5. Also at its 13th meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/59/L.9 without a vote (see para. 7).

6. Following the adoption of the draft decision, a statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of South Africa (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States), with which the representative of Brazil (on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Peru) aligned himself (see A/C.5/59/SR.13).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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The General Assembly:

(a) Recalls its resolution 57/290 B of 18 June 2003;

(b) Requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at the second part of its resumed fifty-ninth session a report on the review of the management structure of all peacekeeping operations, inter alia, through administrative comparisons, as appropriate, taking into account the complexities, mandates and specificities of each operation and the necessity of carrying out effectively and efficiently each operation.